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**Decision Session - Cabinet Member for  
Transport**

7 August 2014

Report of the Director of City and Environmental Services

**BURDYKE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

**1. Recommendations**

- a) That the Cabinet Member approves the addition of the Burdyke Avenue Improvement Scheme to the Capital Programme and vests delegated powers in City of York Council (CYC) Sustainable Transport Officers to commence work on the scheme.

Reason: To enable officers to commence design and consultation on the scheme with a view to delivering it within the current financial year.

- b) That a further report be brought to Cabinet Member after consultation.

Reason: To recommend and agree a final design.

**Background**

2. Burdyke Avenue in Clifton has residential properties along both sides of the road. It is used as a through route between Burton Green and Water Lane, and is part of the route for two bus services – the 6, every 10 minutes in each direction, and the 19, every 30 minutes.

As such, the road carries relatively high volumes of traffic in relation to its width and kerbside development. There is relatively little off-street parking provision on either side of the road, but particularly on the northern/ eastern side of the road. Bus services are frequently held up because their way is blocked by parked vehicles, with other long/ heavy

vehicles experiencing the same problem. The grass verges to the road are also frequently damaged, because (a) vehicles park on the verges and (b) vehicles, including buses, often mount the kerb and drive over the verge to get round vehicles which are in their way. Residents complain that parked cars and vans are frequently struck by vehicles travelling along the road.

3. Residents have brought the matter to the Council's attention through a petition signed by 103 residents and an exchange of views at a residents' meeting which was attended by the Head of Transport. The bus companies who operate on Burdyke Avenue (First and Reliance) have also, separately, contacted CYC to identify Burdyke Avenue as an area where their services are victim to delay from blockage of the road by parked vehicles, identifying that a measure on Burdyke Avenue could be funded from the Better Bus Area (BBA) budget allocation for small, targeted schemes to combat delays to services.
4. There are a number of options for schemes which could be used to alleviate the pressure on Burdyke Avenue. Options include providing one or more laybys in the existing grass verge and restricting parking in areas which are easily blocked. Such a scheme is likely to cost between £15,000 and £30,000, with no implications for ongoing revenue support.
5. The scheme has not, hitherto, been part of CYC's capital programme for 2014/15. Progression of the scheme now can be undertaken without calling on Local Transport Plan capital finance, because of the availability of Better Bus Area funding, both from the 2012 and 2013 bidding rounds.
6. The purpose of this paper is, therefore, to:
  - (i) Request that a scheme on Burdyke Avenue be added to the 2014/15 capital programme, with the intention that such a scheme is delivered during this financial year.
  - (ii) Request that feasibility and design work can be undertaken for a scheme to improve conditions, with a view to consulting residents about a potential scheme.
  - (iii) Request a further meeting with the Cabinet Member in October, at which design options can be discussed and an appropriate implementation plan put developed with a view to delivering the measure before the end of the 2014/2015 financial year.

## **Consultation**

7. There has been no consultation on the scheme so far, although the scheme is being developed to respond to concerns raised by residents during more general consultation in the area.

## **Council Plan**

8. The potential benefits for the priorities in the Council Plan are:

Create Jobs and Grow the Economy – delays on this link contribute to the unreliability of bus services in north York, particularly accessing employment at Clifton Moor. As such, there is likely to be an agglomeration benefit from reducing sources of delay on the link.

Get York Moving – improvements to the link will reduce delays to bus services and increase use of bus services.

Build Strong Communities – the Burdyke Avenue improvement scheme will be an effective response to concerns raised by residents about problems in their local area.

## **Implications**

9. This report has the following implications:

### **Financial**

10. Provisional cost estimates for the scheme suggest it can be delivered for between £15,000 and £30,000, which can be funded from the 2012 and 2013 Better Bus Area programmes.
11. **Human Resources** - none
12. **Equalities** – none
13. **Legal** – none
14. **Crime and Disorder** - none.
15. **Information Technology** - none.

16. **Land** - all land lies within the adopted highway.
17. **Risk Management** - no significant risks are associated with the recommendations in this report have been identified.

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## Specialist Implications Officer(s)

There are no specialist implications.

**Wards Affected:** Clifton Ward

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## Annexes:

None